

# THE REAL REBEL DESIGN. CLOSING UP THE POTOMAC. MARYLAND TO BE INVADED. Washington to be Cut Off From the North. ARE WE PREPARED?

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, August 17, 1861.

All the talk and all the apparent movements on the part of the Rebels toward a direct attack upon Washington, about which there is much anxiety and excitement, are merely feints to cover Davis's real purpose. That purpose is the closing of the lower Potomac, and the throwing of a strong army across the river into St. Mary and Charles Counties, both of which are out-and-out Secession in sentiment. This done, they will march up to Annapolis and shut off that route also, leaving only the Baltimore Railroad open to the Government, and that can be closed at a moment's notice by a midnight foray upon the bridges, as the Kane conspirators proved to our cost.

This is the real design of the Rebels, and as soon as they get a few more secreted batteries along the river, they will attempt to put it into execution. Once established in Maryland, they count upon a formidable rising of the Secessionists of that State, and the investment of Washington with almost a certainty of success.

Rely upon it the Capital is not out of danger, nor will any amount of secrecy as to army movements, however judicious such a course may be, improve the matter. The Rebel force in Virginia outnumbers ours, and it is daily increasing. Is our augmentation going on at the proper speed, or are we on every occasion to oppose a greatly superior force, as in the case of the brave Lyon, and in almost every case since the war began?

## FROM LOUISVILLE.

STATEMENT OF A YOUNG MAN—PEACE MEETING.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Saturday, Aug. 17, 1861.

A young man from Richmond of Secessionist proclivities, apparently well informed of the designs of the Confederate army, says that they intend an immediate advance. He predicts fighting at the Relay House on the 18th inst., and says that the Southern army is well provided with blankets, &c., for a winter campaign, and that they are in a high state of discipline. He says that there is also a universal desire to attack Washington.

A Peace Meeting called by prominent Secessionists for the evening was held at the Court House. As the crowd entered the hall, many were singing the "Star Spangled Banner."

James Speed, Unionist, was called to the chair, and James Traub, Secessionist, was also nominated by the persons calling the meeting. A division of the house took place, when Speed was declared elected.

The Secessionists, numbering a hundred, then withdrew, shouting for the Southern Confederacy. Speeches were made by Messrs. Speed, Wallis, Harlan and others, and the resolutions were adopted with but one dissenting voice.

The preamble and resolutions are as follows: The preamble sets forth that there is no mistaking the position of Kentucky in the present civil war, as she is unalterably for peace.

Resolved, That while this State desires to be true to the Union, she also desires to have peace with all the States.

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## LOCAL MILITARY MATTERS.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE COL. N. L. FARNHAM.

The funeral of Colonel Noah L. Farnham, late commandant of the Fire Zouaves, took place yesterday morning, and was attended by a large concourse of citizens and military men. At 9 o'clock the friends of the deceased, together with his companions in arms, assembled at the residence of George W. Farnham, No. 128 West Thirty-eighth street, where they remained till the departure of the funeral cortege. A detachment of police was also in attendance.

At 10 o'clock the funeral procession left the house and proceeded along Thirty-eighth street and Fifth avenue to Christ Church, in the following order:

Carriage containing the officiating clergymen, the Rev. Mr. Denison and the Rev. Mr. Wiley.  
The hearse, with the following pallbearers, four on each side:  
Col. Farnham, Major Wiley (V. Z.), Major Delator.  
A private of the Fire Zouaves at the rear.

Two caissons, containing the immediate relatives of the deceased.

Commissioned Officers of the Fire Zouaves and United States Cavalry, in full dress uniform.

Commissioned Officers of the 1st Regiment, National Guard, in full dress uniform.

Commissioned Officers of the 2d Regiment, National Guard, in full dress uniform.

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city, which will never be able to recruit a sufficient number of volunteers to enable them to take the field as independent regiments. The intention is to devise a plan for the consolidation of these embryo regiments, and the matter has been referred to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Traverser, Painer, Schwedler, Plants and Meyer.

RECRUITS WANTED.

The Ninth Regiment, N. Y. S. M., now in the service of the United States for the war, and stationed at Harper's Ferry, will receive a few recruits of good character if immediate application is made at the armory, corner of Thirtieth street and University place, to Capt. J. N. Davis.

COL. HAWKINS'S ZOUAVES.

Another squad of recruits for this regiment was forwarded to Newport News yesterday morning, by Lieut. Col. Bette, making the second squad during the past week. Recruiting office, No. 545 Broadway.

BERDAN'S SHARPSHOOTERS.

Sergeant-Major J. Smith Brown, and Lieut. John Wilson will be at Penn Yan, Yates County, N. Y., on August 26, Monday, and remain during the week for the purpose of examining all those who wish to join Col. Berdan's Regiment of Sharpshooters. A rifle will be furnished to applicants.

Yesterday there was a trial in rifle shooting of applicants to join Col. Berdan's regiment, at the Target Ground of Company D, corner of Tenth avenue and Twentieth street, Brooklyn. There were several good single shots made, but no one made the required string, which is ten consecutive shots fired from a rest at 600 feet, or off hand at 300 feet, measuring in the aggregate fifty inches from centers. Most of the candidates expressed their determination to practice and apply again. There will be another opportunity at the same place on Monday, at 11 a. m.

RECRUITING.

Adjutant Murphy of the 37th Regiment will send fifty recruits to the Park Barracks in a few days. Recruits desirous of joining the Long Island Regiment are requested to apply on board the Major Anderson, foot of Peck Slip, and Tenth street, East River, at 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 p. m. Provisions are to be immediately made for the examination of persons who are seeking commissions in the Volunteer service in this State. If desired, all such aspirants can be examined as to their qualifications before they commence raising companies or regiments.

SECOND SCOTT LIFE GUARD, THIRTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT.

The work of recruiting this well-known regiment has commenced, under the auspices of Lieut. Col. Addison Farnsworth, who was ordered here by the War Department for that purpose. A recruiting office has been opened on the corner of Broadway and Leonard street, and others, we are informed, will be established in a few days, in different parts of the city. Our patriotic young men, on account of the popularity of Col. Farnsworth, will no doubt give this regiment a preference over the many that are now organizing here.

SECOND REGIMENT, N. Y. S. M.

Lieut. Hughes, recruiting officer for this first-class regiment will leave on Monday, Aug. 19, to rejoin his regiment. He will take with him a squad of recruits, and all those who desire to leave for the seat of war immediately can have no better chance of doing so than by applying at the regimental armory, corner of Seventh street and Hall place, before 3 o'clock tomorrow. The regiment is now encamped at Rockville on the Maryland side of the Potomac.

HONVED REGIMENT.

Since the various recruiting offices of this accepted regiment have been opened, the volunteers, we learn, are pouring in, and are comfortably cared for at Pythagoras Hall. On Monday next a full company is to arrive from Newburgh, and will be quartered at the same place. The regiment is now encamped at Rockville on the Maryland side of the Potomac.

PROGRESS OF RECRUITING.

The figures obtained yesterday at the principal recruiting stations in this city are as follows:

Regiment.	Headquarters.	No. men enrolled.
ALCOCK'S ZOUAVES.....	River's Island.....	1,046
Berkshire Sharpshooters.....	Wilmington.....	1,046
Brooklyn Firemen.....	Stephens street.....	1,046
Brooklyn Phoenix.....	Poor Solency.....	1,046
California Regiment.....	No. 14 Green street.....	1,046
Canon Light Infantry.....	No. 40 Broadway.....	1,046
Canon Rifles.....	No. 40 Broadway.....	1,046
Central Cavalry.....	No. 300 Broadway.....	1,046
Col. Serrill's Engineers.....	No. 300 Broadway.....	1,046
Constitution Guards.....	No. 40 and street.....	1,046
Continental Guard.....	Stephens street.....	1,046
Continental Guard.....	Fort Hamilton.....	1,046
D'Amont's Zouaves.....	No. 600 Broadway.....	1,046
First Regiment.....	No. 55 First street.....	1,046
First Regiment.....	No. 471 Broadway.....	1,046
First Regiment.....	City Assembly Room, Recruit.....	1,046
Fifty-fifth Regiment.....	Stephens street.....	1,046
First Regiment.....	Fort Hamilton.....	1,046
First Regiment Irish Artillery.....	Sixth Island.....	1,046
First Union Rifles.....	No. 551 Broadway.....	1,046
German Black Sharpshooters.....	Lincoln Hall.....	1,046
German Rangers.....	No. 140 Bowery.....	1,046
Hawkins' Zouaves.....	No. 207 Broadway.....	1,046
Hovved Regiment.....	Fort Hamilton.....	1,046
Lincoln.....	Central Hall, Grand street.....	1,046
Lincoln's Rifles.....	Centre at and Tryon row.....	1,046
McClanahan's Regiment.....	No. 255 Grand street.....	1,046
Minutemen.....	No. 542 Broadway.....	1,046
Mutual Rifles.....	No. 542 Broadway.....	1,046
National Guard.....	City Hall.....	1,046
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President's Life Guard.....	No. 542 Broadway.....	1,046
Scott's Life Guard.....	No. 542 Broadway.....	1,046
Second Regiment.....	Centre at, Hall place.....	1,046
Second Regiment, N. Y. S. M.....	Union place, 13th at.....	1,046
Third Regiment.....	71 Centre street.....	1,046
Third Regt., Cavalry Brigade.....	Washington.....	1,046
Third Regiment.....	University place, 13th at.....	1,046
United States Cavalry.....	Willard's Point.....	1,046
United States Cavalry.....	No. 51 Walker street.....	1,046